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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

DATE: August 5, 2005

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE:

FROM: JOHNNY G. JURADO, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP & TRAINING DIVISION

TO: TODD S. ROGERS, CAPTAIN
CARSON STATION

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS NON-HIT SHOOTING, JANUARY 5, 2005, REVIEW #2137140**

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the review committee's findings and recommendations concerning the non-hit shooting incident which occurred on January 5, 2005.

The Committee met on August 4, 2005 and consisted of myself and Commanders Kenneth Brazile (Commander of the Department), Robert Binkley (FOR III), and Eric Smith (Leadership and Training Division). The Committee determined the non-hit shooting by Deputy Arevalo #[redacted] was within Department policy.

Please advise the deputy of this finding.

c: Ronnie Williams, Chief
FOR II

JGJ:MAH:mh

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Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 01-05-05	Bureau/Station/Facility: Carson Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☐

Incident Information

URN: 405-00183-1622-051	Date: 01-05-05	Time: 2312 hrs.

City or Station: Carson Station

Location: [redacted] Adams St.

Nature of Incident: At the terminus of an approximately 15 minute vehicle pursuit by Carson GET deputies at the intersection of Adams St. and Harbor View Ave., two suspects flee the stopped vehicle, both running east on Adams. GET depu[redacted]t chase the driver and Carson Deputy Arevalo follows the passenger suspect as he runs further east on foot, in his radio car. At [redacted] the deputy overtook the suspect and turned into the driveway, cutting off the suspect's path. He quickly exited the patrol car and started to follow the suspect as he ran south down the location's driveway. As the suspect began to climb a fence, he looked at the deputy and raised his shirt while lifting a dark object resembling a handgun from his waistband. Fearing for his life, Deputy Arevalo fired 2 rounds, missing the suspect.

Location Type (*circle one or more*): Backyard, Beach, Business, Freeway, Industrial, Park, Parking Lot, (Residence) [circled], Rural, School, Street, Other: driveway

Lighting (*circle only one*): Darkness, Daylight, Other, (Street Lights) [circled]

Weather (*circle only one*): (Clear) [circled], Cloudy, Fog, Rain

Distance: 20 ft.

Incident Type (*circle one or more*): Accidental, (Armed Person) [circled], (Fleeing Suspect) [circled], (Foot Pursuit) [circled], Gun Take Away, Moving Vehicle, Sniper/Ambush, Startle, Struggle Involved, Traffic Stop, Unarmed Person, Unintentional, Vehicle Pursuit, Warrant Service, Other: metal object resembling gun

Initiated by (*circle only one*): Arrest Warrant, Call, Observation, (One Person Unit) [circled], Other, Search Warrant, Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*): Detective, Inmate Transport, Other, (Routine Patrol) [circled]

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect	Aero Unit?	Canine Unit?
2	0	☒	☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
[redacted]	Garnica	Edmund		EM (PM) Day	(Regular) Overtime Off Duty
[redacted]	Perez	Mark		EM (PM) Day	(Regular) Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*circle one or more*)
				On Duty, Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Evans	William	S.	(On Duty) [circled], Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Young	Larry	B.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Gama	Ralph	J.

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
01-05-05	0130 hrs.	04-??-05	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	Stunson	David	J.
[redacted]	Cleary	John	T.
[redacted]	Seno	Bennett	W.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
E#1	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	NN	
S#1	E#1	OO					NN	

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 405-00183-1622-051

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name Arevalo	First Name Armando	M.I. J.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank Deputy Generalist	Unit Assignment: Carson Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 166
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: / Age: [redacted] Height: 5-08	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted] / Weight: 140	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: / Age: Height:	Duty Time (hrs): / Weight:	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

E

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # / Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: / Age: Height:	Duty Time (hrs): / Weight:	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
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Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

URN: 405-00183-1622-051

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Ronquillo		First Name: Francisco	M.I.: nmn
AKA Last Name: Raygoza		First Name: Francisco	M.I.: nmn
Sex: M Race: H	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: [redacted]	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 18 D.O.B. 04-08-86	Height: 5-08 Weight: 160	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking #: 8419329	Primary Charge: 245(A)(2) P.C.	Secondary Charge: 148(A)(1) P.C.	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☒	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make: Chevrolet		Model: Impala	Year: 2005

S__

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING: NON-HIT
SH 2137140
405-00183-1622-051

DATE / TIME / LOCATION

Wednesday, January 5, 2005
2312 hours
[redacted] Adams St., Carson

IAB SHOOTING / FORCE TEAM

Lieutenant Ben Seno; Sergeant David Stunson and Sergeant John Cleary

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

AREVALO, Armando, Deputy #[redacted] MH/[redacted] 5'08" 140 [redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Carson Station

Date of Employment: 09/96
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

SUSPECT

Ronquillo, Francisco BK# 8419329 MH/18 5'08" 160 Right Handed

Criminal History: Arrests include [redacted] He is a member of the "Dominguez 13" gang. Suspect Ronquillo has aka's of Francisco Lopez and Francisco Raygoza. His gang moniker is "Playboy."

Suspect Ronquillo's companion who was driving the suspect vehicle and arrested the night of the shooting, Suspect George Moreno, is also a "Dominguez 13" gang member and both suspects were Field Interviewed together, earlier in the evening by G.E.T. Deputies. Suspect Moreno was arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Firearm), 245(A)(2) P.C., Taking a Vehicle without Owner's Consent, 10851(A) C.V.C. and Reckless Evading (Vehicle), 2800.2 C.V.C. for the incident which occurred prior to and during the vehicle pursuit.

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Garnica, Edmund, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Gang Enforcement Team, Carson area

Perez, Mark, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Gang Enforcement Team, Carson area

CIVILIAN WITNESSES



[redacted] MH/Adult
[redacted]

[redacted] FH/Adult
[redacted]

[redacted] FH/Adult
[redacted]

The following is based on summaries of suspect and witness interviews conducted by OSS and Internal Affairs Bureau investigators, the involved employee interview, and other materials documenting the incident.

INJURIES

No injuries to deputy personnel or suspects.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

One bullet strike on a wooden post, keys, scuff marks on hood (see **Exhibit E, figures 13 & 15**). Two 9mm expended shell casings were ejected onto the grass strip east and adjacent to the driveway (see **Exhibit E, figures 7 & 10**) of [redacted] Adams St.

The bullet strike hole is visible in **Exhibit E, figure 16**. The keys were recovered from the driveway just west of the parked vehicle (see **Exhibit E, figures 17 & 18**). The scuff marks presumably made by Suspect Ronquillo are visible in the photographs in **Exhibit E, figures 15 & 17**.

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS

The location is on a residential street developed with small detached mostly single story dwellings, most with long driveways on either side of the lot. Some of the lots have small garage conversion dwellings in the rear portion of their lots as does the location.

The location has a long driveway on its east side which leads to the rear of the lot. The rear lot has a garage converted dwelling which is isolated from the front of the lot by a wooden fence and gate (see **Exhibit C**, **scene sketch**, and **Exhibit E, photographs** of the location).

A review of the audio recording of the vehicle pursuit radio transmissions was conducted by the Internal Affairs Bureau investigator. The radio traffic supports information provided in the reports. The primary units using the frequency at the post pursuit time period were the two Gang Enforcement Team Deputies, the Aero Unit, and Involved Deputy Arevalo.

G.E.T. Deputies Garnica and Perez's radio transmissions regarding post pursuit communications to SCC about the avenue of escape that driver Suspect Moreno was taking, dominated air traffic. Involved Deputy Arevalo could briefly be heard advising he was following passenger Suspect Ronquillo, who was running eastbound on Adams Street. He could also be heard advising when Suspect Ronquillo changed direction of running to southbound down the driveway of [redacted] and then advising he was involved in a shooting. Subsequent radio traffic included Deputy Arevalo coordinating a second containment of the area south and parallel, E. Washington Street.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy Arevalo:

Service Weapon Type:	Department Issued Beretta 92FS 9mm Semi-Automatic
Rounds Fired:	2
Type of Ammunition Used:	Department Issued Winchester Ranger SXT 147gr.
Date Employee Last Qualified:	[redacted]

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT

Following the shooting, a search of the location's yard and adjacent area was completed but no firearm or other dark object was recovered.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

One bullet strike was located on a white wooden upright post (see **Exhibit E, figure 16**) supporting the driveway cover on the east edge of the residence property of [redacted] Adams St. Risk Management was on scene and handled the contact with residents.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR/CHARGES

Investigator's Name:	Detective Dennis Chuck, OSS, Carson
Court:	Airport Court
Charges:	245(D)(2) PC
Court Date:	Pending

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident took place at time of darkness in a residential housing tract lighted with standard municipal street lighting. Additional ambient lighting emitted from the radio car headlights which were partially pointed in the direction of the suspect's escape route (see **Exhibit E, figure 5 & 6** for positioning of Deputy Arevalo's radio car). Deputy Arevalo also illuminated the suspect with his flashlight.

The weather was clear and dry.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS STATEMENTS

Deputy Garnica

Deputy Garnica was working in the P.M. shift Carson Station area G.E.T. Unit W516 in a two person car with his partner Deputy Mark Perez. As they were patrolling eastbound on 219th Place at Carlerik Avenue (see **Exhibit J, map #1**) at about 2312 hours, they were flagged down by an unidentified Asian male in his 30s who told them that a man had just pointed a gun at them. The victim pointed to northbound Carlerik Avenue at the gray 2005 Chevrolet Impala stopped at the stop sign and told deputies the driver of the vehicle was the person who pointed the gun at him.

The witness and his partner pulled their radio car up behind the suspect vehicle which then accelerated at a high rate of speed northbound onto Santa Fe Avenue. Deputies Garnica and Perez initiated a pursuit as they traveled up Santa Fe at Madison Street. The suspect vehicle turned onto westbound Jackson Street then onto a southbound alley before turning westbound onto Monroe Street. The suspect vehicle turned northbound onto Alameda Street and then eastbound onto Jackson Street. The area through which they traveled was residential and the suspect vehicle's speed was estimated by deputies at 50 miles per hour.

The suspect vehicle ran the red light at northbound Santa Fe Street and Dominguez Street continuing at a high rate of speed that deputies estimated to be 60 miles per hour before turning onto eastbound Del Amo Boulevard. Aero arrived overhead and took over calling the pursuit at approximately the 710 Freeway along Del Amo Boulevard (see **Exhibit J, map #2**). The suspect vehicle "blindly ran the red light" at Del Amo Boulevard and Long Beach Boulevard without braking at an estimated 50 miles per hour. Due to the high rate of speeds, the vehicle then overshot the turn southbound Elm Street and onto westbound Spring Street (City of Long Beach) and ended up in the eastbound lanes against traffic which created narrow misses of oncoming vehicles. The suspect vehicle went over the center median and back into the westbound lanes of Spring Street.

Off of westbound Spring Street, the suspect vehicle then turned southbound onto Pacific Avenue continuing until it turned westbound on Willow Street. The vehicle then turned onto northbound Santa Fe Avenue where it reached speeds of approximately 80 miles per hour. Deputies Garnica and Perez advised other units that the suspects were apparently headed back to the neighborhood where

the pursuit originated. Due to the dangerous driving condition, at this point, the watch commander terminated all ground units' participation in the pursuit (refer to **photographs in Exhibit E, figures 2 & 3**, and **Exhibit J, maps #1 & #2**).

Very shortly after the termination of the pursuit was ordered, the Aero unit advised that "the suspect vehicle had rolled onto the north east corner of Adams Street and Harborview Street onto the sidewalk." The G.E.T. deputies were just around the corner from that location and upon pulling up to the location, saw two male suspects get out of the suspect vehicle, exit and run eastbound on Adams Street. The driver Suspect Moreno, then turned and ran northbound up a driveway at [redacted] (see **Exhibit L, Aerial photo #2**). They then heard multiple shots ring out from east of their location. They advised other Carson units to contain their location at [redacted] while they went to Deputy Arevalo's location at [redacted]. Prior to the gunshots, they saw Deputy Arevalo pass by them in his radio car to follow the running passenger suspect, Suspect Ronquillo, as the suspect ran eastbound on the south sidewalk in the vicinity of the gunshots.

The suspect driver, Suspect George Moreno, was subsequently located in a converted garage at [redacted] by a K-9 unit and assisting Carson deputies. A check of the un-plated vehicle V.I.N. returned stolen.
After being read his Miranda rights, Suspect Moreno told deputies, "I got the car from some guy. I knew it was stolen. My job to run. Your job to catch me."

Deputy Perez

Witness Deputy Perez was working with his partner Deputy Garnica in G.E.T. Unit W516 and had essentially the same recollection of the incident. He remained with his partner to pursuit the driver suspect and then stayed with his partner when they shifted to assisting Deputy Arevalo after they heard gunshots.

INVOLVED DEPUTY'S STATEMENT

Deputy Armando Arevalo

Deputy Arevalo was working a single person car, Carson Unit 166 E.M when he heard the radio traffic from Carson area Gang Enforcement Team Deputies Garnica and Perez advising that they were in pursuit of a 245/417 vehicle. He said he responded to the location and joined in the pursuit.

When the pursuit was terminated by the watch commander, Deputy Arevalo drove westbound on Carson Street from Santa Fe Avenue. As he was passing Harborview Avenue, he looked up the street to where the Aero unit was illuminating the suspect vehicle (on the northeast corner of Harborview at Adams) and turned up the street northbound. He drove up to the location to assist in containing the area. As he arrived at the intersection, he saw two males running from the vehicle. One suspect was running on the north sidewalk east down Adams Street, away from the suspect vehicle. As he maneuvered closer, he saw a second male Hispanic approximately 18 to 20 years of age with a shaved head, cross the street to the south sidewalk and run eastbound along the south

sidewalk. Deputy Arevalo also noticed that as he ran, the second suspect "was gripping an object through his shirt with his right hand and near his waistband."

As the suspect got to [redacted], he ran southbound down the driveway on the east side of the residence lot, toward the rear yard (see **Exhibit E, figure 17**). Two Oldsmobiles were parked end to end in the driveway. Deputy Arevalo recognized the location from past experiences as one where he had gang members run from him and run onto the property to hide from him. Deputy Arevalo stopped his vehicle positioning it on a 45 degree angle nose-in to the driveway entry of [redacted] with his headlights on (see **Exhibit E, figures 4, 5 & 6**). He exited his radio car, illuminated the suspect and repeatedly "yelled at him to stop" but the suspect continued running along the west side of the two cars parked in the driveway. He noticed the suspect standing on the front part of the southern most Oldsmobile Cutless (see **Exhibit E, figure 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 16**) trying to jump the east wooden fence (see **figures 9, 13, 16, & 20**). It appeared as if he was going to use the front end of the parked car to aid in getting over the fence (see **figures 13, 14, & 15** for scuff marks apparently made by Suspect Ronquillo). Deputy Arevalo kept on the opposite side (east) of the car parked closest to the sidewalk for cover. The suspect turned, looked at Deputy Arevalo "as he was lifting and retrieving a dark metal object from his waistband with his right hand."

Deputy Arevalo formed the opinion that the suspect was trying to draw a weapon and arm himself to shoot and seriously injure or kill him which caused him to fear for his life. From his position at the driver's door of the vehicle parked closer to the sidewalk, Deputy Arevalo fired two shots at the suspect who was at the front of the car parked closer to the rear yard gate (see **Exhibit E, figures 7, 8, 9 & 10**). After he fired at the suspect, he saw him jump over the south wooden fence and out of view (see **figures 9 & 13**). He said it appeared to him that the suspect was not hit by gunfire as he jumped over the fence without having any type of injury.

Deputy Arevalo immediately advised SCC that he was involved in a shooting and he quickly set up a containment with other Carson units to apprehend Suspect Ronquillo. SEB K-9 units responded and searched the area for the suspect but they were unable to find him that night.

> **IAB Note:** Deputies Garnica and Perez told Operation Safe Streets Detective Dennis Chuck that they had Field Interviewed both suspects George Moreno and Francisco Ronquillo prior to the vehicle pursuit, earlier that evening. Detective Chuck assembled a six pack for each suspect and Deputies Arevalo, Garnica and Perez positively identified each suspect as the driver and passenger (and suspect reaching for what Arevalo perceived as a weapon) of the stolen vehicle.

During his February 3, 2005, shooting review interview with Internal Affairs Bureau investigators, he told the investigator he is familiar with the area because he was assigned to the car which patrols the neighborhood of the shooting for approximately the last year. He was specifically asked what his reasoning and intent were for going after the second suspect (Ronquillo). He said he initially followed the suspect to contain his escape. Due to the Long Beach Police Department Aero unit utilizing the radio frequency at the time in assisting the coordination of the first suspect's escape further west nearer the pursuit terminus, Deputy Arevalo could not immediately put out Suspect

Ronquillo's shift in directions. He stopped his radio car at the driveway to watch where the suspect went until he could transmit the information to assisting units and set up a containment for this suspect.

> **IAB Note:** A review of the audio tape reveals that the G.E.T. Deputies, the Aero unit, and assisting responding units were dominating the frequency in the moments preceding the advisement of a 998.

Once he shot at the suspect, Deputy Arevalo advised SCC he was involved in the shooting and requested assisting units to set up containment on the southern border of the residences, nearer Washington Street.

When asked if he had considered not exiting his radio car and engaging the suspect, he said that because the suspect was proceeding down a long driveway, and not knowing exactly which direction he was going, he would have lost visual contact of the suspect. He said "the last thing I'd want to do is sit in my radio car with all my lights on and be a target."

He said that when he did exit his radio car and walk up to one of the cars parked in the driveway, he maintained his position on the opposite side (east) of the cars from the suspect (west) for cover.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

The [redacted] in Carson was canvassed on January 24, 2005. The following persons were home and gave statements as to their observations of events which occurred on January 5, 2005.

Mr. [redacted]

He was interviewed on January 24, 2005, at 1110 hours at his home on [redacted] by the Internal Affairs Bureau investigator. He said he was sitting down on the couch in the front room of the detached residence and saw a shadow who he thought was his [redacted] He told his [redacted] to look out the window to see who it was. As he told his [redacted] to go check out the shadow he heard a man say, "Get down," and then heard two shots fired somewhere outside his home. He said the words were yelled pretty loud and he thought it was "the cops" who were saying it.

He said he did not see anything aside from the momentary shadow. He only heard the voices and the shots.

Ms. [redacted]

She was interviewed on January 24, 2005, at her residence at about 1120 hours by the Internal Affairs Bureau investigator. She told the investigator that she heard "a lot of commotion. My dog was barking. I immediately look out the window when the dog barks because I have an expensive car" as she pointed to a new black [redacted] which was parked in front of her home.

The witness said she opened her front door to look outside and saw "a tall, skinny, you know, 17, 18, Mexican guy wearing a sweatshirt," running eastbound past the front of her home. She said she then noticed a sheriff's deputy pull up in a radio car and then park nose in to the driveway. She saw the deputy exit his radio car and he"kept yelling, 'Stop. Stop. Freeze. Freeze,' and I two, three, I think two shots were fired." She also said, "I think he was in fear," referring to the deputy. She said she then heard the dogs behind her home barking and she thought the suspect must have ran into either her or her neighbors' back yards to escape the pursuing deputy.

When asked if she actually saw the deputy point his weapon and fire, she said she did not; she just heard him fire the weapon.

Ms.[redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed on January 24, 2005, at her home. She said that she remembered hearing the shots the night of the shooting. She said she was inside her living room when she heard someone yelling out something she could not quite understand, and then heard what she thought were two gun shots. She could not say for sure what was yelled out. She looked outside to see what was going on and saw a black and white radio car pulled nose into the driveway at the residence across from her home. Other uniformed deputies arrived within a few moments as did other radio cars and a helicopter. She said she did not see anything that led up to the gun shots.

SUSPECT STATEMENTS

Subject Ronquillo was arrested on January 14, 2005, during the service of a search warrant at [redacted] He was booked for a charge of Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Firearm), 245(a)(2) P.C. After being read his Miranda rights, he agreed to talk with the OSS detective. He denied any involvement in the vehicle pursuit or in the assault on Deputy Arevalo.

He declined to be interviewed by the Internal Affairs Bureau investigator when contacted at Carson Station.